

### REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2009 in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination.. Claims 1 to 26 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 to 18, 21 to 23, 25 and 26 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added by such amendments. Claims 19, 20 and 24 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 14, 16, 18, 21 to 23 are in independent form. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for all payments due in connection with this Response.

As noted above, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination with this Response. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner provide an upcoming Office Action which will “. . . identify any claims which he or she judges, as presently recited, to be allowable and/or . . . suggest any way in which he or she considers that rejected claims may be amended to make them allowable” in accordance with §707.07(d) of the MPEP.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 13 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and stated such claims fail to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office Action rejected Claims 14, 15 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and stated such claims fail to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has amended Claims 1 to 13, 14, 15, 25 and 26 and submits that these amendments overcome these rejections.

The Office Action rejected Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and stated such claim is indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claim 23 and submits that this amendment overcomes this rejection.

The Office Action rejected Claims 16 to 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and stated such claims fail to fall within one of the four categories of invention. Applicant has amended Claims 16 to 18 and submits that these amendments overcome these rejections.

The Office Action rejected Claims 19 to 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and stated such claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has canceled Claims 19, 20 and 24 and has amended Claims 21 and 22 and submits that these cancellations and amendments overcome these rejections.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, and allowance is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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